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Box PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

New U.S. Patent Application

Title: HARDWARE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS Inventor: Kazuyuki SATO

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 36 pages, including 6 independent claims and 18 claims total.
- 2. Drawings- 10 sheets of formal drawings containing 18 figures.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA**.
- 5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-023354, filed on January 31, 2001.
- 6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	18	-	20	0	x \$18	\$	
Independent Claims	6	-	3	3	x \$84	\$	252.00
☐ Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claims +\$						\$	
Subtotal						\$	992.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	992.00

8. A check for \$1032.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; \$252.00 additional claims fee; and \$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-023354, filed on January 31, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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